REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 8 and 16 are amended. No new subject matter is added. It is respectfully submitted that this response is fully responsive to the Office Action dated July 15, 2005.

The Examiner objected to the amendment filed 02/03/2005 under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Examiner pointed out that the added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: "Claim 14 recites that the print control number can be directly inputted into the printer." However, claim 14 is supported by the original disclosure, for example, in page 9, lines 16-23 of the specification. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

Claims 8 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the words, "in advance" render the claims indefinite as it does point out in advance to what the conversion process takes place. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend claims 8 and 16. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Claim 8 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Maeda* (U.S. Patent No. 6,791,703). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiners reasons for rejection.

Maeda et al fails to teach or suggest "a control portion that accesses a Web page based upon an address of the Web page that is provided from outside, obtains data, and previously converts the data into imaging data..." [claim 8, p. 16, lines 5-9]. Rather, *Maeda et al.* discloses a device wherein, "when a print request command is received from the external client

terminal 9 via the network interface 4, the CPU 122 transmits to the formatter 6 PDL the data that are received at the same time. The PDL data are developed into image data by the formatter 6, and the image data are transmitted to the data processor 124 and then to the printer 8, where they are printed" [column 5, lines 59-67].

Accordingly, no case of prima facie obviousness exists because *Maeda et al.* teaches away from the claimed invention and has problems described in page 3, lines 2-11 of the specification of the above-identified application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the obviousness rejection of claim 8.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1-7, 9-13 and 15 are allowed and that claim 16 would be allowable if the claim is amended to overcome the §112 issues discussed above. As indicated above, claim 16 is amended to overcome the §112 rejection.
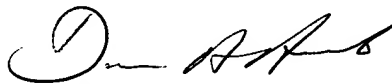
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with

respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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